

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the specification at page 35 with the new Abstract as follows:

-- Given phonetic information is divided into speech units of extended CV which is a contiguous sequence of phonemes without clear distinction containing a vowel or some vowels. Contour of vocal tract transmission function of phoneme of the speech unit of extended CV is obtained from the phoneme directory which contains a contour of vocal tract transmission function of each phoneme associated with phonetic information in a unit of extended CV. Speech waveform data is generated based on the contour of vocal tract transmission function of phoneme of the speech unit of extended CV. Speech waveform data is converted into analog voice signal. --